

*Stated Meeting, October 16, 1863.*

Present, seven members.

Prof. A. D. BACHE, in the Chair.

Letters acknowledging publications, were received from John S. Stevenson, Librarian of Congress, and Richard Kippist; from J. H. Cook, asking information; and from John Penington & Son, with a notice of new publications.

Donations for the Library were received from the British Association, Royal Geographical, Linnean, and Geological Societies of London, the Geological Society of Dublin, the Rev. S. Haughton, J. W. Dawson, of Montreal, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and Blanchard & Lea, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Peale laid before the Society several specimens of the *Geastrum hygrometricum*, both in the living and in the dried states, and described the growth and habits of the plant. He also exhibited minute cryptogams resembling bird's nests and eggs.

The following persons were then duly elected members of the Society.

Robert Briggs, Civil Engineer, of Philadelphia.

Joseph Lesley, Geologist, of Philadelphia.

And the Society was adjourned.

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*Stated Meeting, November 6, 1863.*

Present, sixteen members.

Dr. WOOD, President, in the Chair.

Mr. Briggs, Dr. Washburne, and Dr. Penrose, recently elected members, were introduced to the President, and took their seats.

Letters announcing donations to this Society were read